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Applicant: Tadeusz Z. Wellisz
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For: **BARBED CLIP FOR BONE
ALIGNMENT AND FIXATION**

Pasadena, California
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

Prior to first Action, kindly add the
following claims in this case.

35. A clip to interconnect primary and
secondary bone zones having edges and top and bottom
surfaces, comprising in combination:

- a) a first tab to extend proximate a top
surface of the secondary bone zone,
- b) a second tab associated with the first
tab, and located to extend proximate a top surface of
the primary bone zone,

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